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RAPPROCHEMENT
ON FAST TRACK

¶1. (SBU) FORMIN Faki told Ambassador January 11 that Chad-Sudan rapprochement continued to gain momentum, with these key developments January 7-12:

-- Chadian and Sudanese "technical teams" signed documents January 7 in NDjamena aimed at implementing the border security provisions of the 2006 Bilateral Protocol agreed in Khartoum.

-- The Dr. Ghazi-led Sudanese "political team" met with the Faki-led Chadian "political team" in NDjamena January 7-9.

-- GOC MFA released a communique January 9 pledging that GOC had undertaken to end support to any Sudanese rebel group; to eliminate Sudanese rebel presence from Chad; and to prevent any anti-Sudanese activity to take place on Chad territory. The communique claimed that the GOS had undertaken reciprocal engagements vis-avis rebels on its territory.

-- Dr. Ghazi met with JEM's Khalil Ibrahim January 9 or 10. This followed the heavy-weight GOC delegation to deliver a stern Deby ultimatum to JEM last week which we reported in Ref A. As Faki said to me yesterday: "The JEM must leave Chad. Period."

-- Dr. Ghazi departed then departed for Tripoli for talks with GOL to get Libyan imprimatur of Chad-Sudan rapprochement.

-- Dr. Ghazi was expected back in NDjamena January 11 or 12 to continue talks with Faki.

COMMENT

¶2. (SBU) These rapidly paced recent events nearly speak for themselves, but we note:

-- The Faki-Ghazi bilateral track continues to go from apparent success to apparent success.

-- The explicit and detailed GOC communique puts the Deby Government on the line for implementation of its engagements, especially regarding JEM.

-- The GOC ultimatum to JEM and the Ghazi-JEM meeting could be constitutive of an end to the "proxy war" on this side of the border.

-- GOC and GOS are wise to seek early Libyan blessing of the main terms of the rapprochement, which is, we think, essential to further success.

¶3. (U) Minimize considered.
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